

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A system for enabling video content to be selected by a user via the Internet (140) and for distributing selected video content via a multichannel video broadcasting system, for the selected video content to be received on a multichannel receiver and displayed at the user's location on a TV monitor (150) or on a PC (160) provided with a TV display card, the system comprising:
 - a main video server (200) for supplying a plurality of selectable video contents (210,220,230);
 - an authorization server (300) accessible via the Internet for a user to transmit user commands to select video contents that are to be displayed immediately or with a delay;
 - a multichannel video broadcasting apparatus (250;280,285); and
 - a distribution server (350) for supplying, from the main video server (200) to the broadcasting apparatus (250;280,285), selected video contents to be broadcast on channels of the broadcasting apparatus;
 - the system being arranged to select at least one channel that is available to broadcast a selected video content immediately or with a delay in correspondence with a user command, thereby selecting only channel(s) that are available to broadcast at a designated starting time or times or range of starting times and that remain available to broadcast for the duration of the selected video content, and to provide an indication of ~~the said~~ selected channel(s) available to broadcast the selected video content, said indication of ~~the said~~ selected channel(s) being available to the user via the authorization server (300) and the Internet (140);
 - the system being arranged to initiate the broadcast of a selected video content on an indicated available channel immediately or with a delay in correspondence with said user command ; and
 - wherein the distribution server (350) is arranged to provide automated selection of one or more channels ~~channel~~ that ~~is~~ are available to broadcast immediately or with a delay in correspondence with a user command that sets a time or times or a range of times for broadcast, whereby
 - the distribution server is arranged to provide automated selection of channels available to broadcast that are further selectable by the user, or

- a channel or channels for broadcast is pre-selectable by the user and the distribution server is arranged to provide automated selection amongst the pre-selected channels of those channels that are available for broadcast.

~~—, or a partly automated selection of a channel assisted by a user command by automated selection of several channels available to broadcast immediately or with a delay in correspondence with a user command followed by the user selecting one among the several selected available channels.~~

2. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the main video server (200) supplies live broadcasts (210), and stores and supplies recorded videos (220) and video-on-demand (230).
3. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1 or 2, wherein the multichannel video broadcasting apparatus (250;280,285) is a digital broadcasting apparatus having a broad bandwidth with several hundreds of channels.
4. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the multichannel video broadcasting apparatus comprises a cable TV network (250).
5. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the multichannel video broadcasting apparatus comprises a ground transmission station (280) arranged to transmit to a communications satellite (285).
6. (Cancelled)

7. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1, comprising a processing system (320), connected with the main authorization server (300) to operate the main video server (200).

8. (Currently amended) A method for enabling a user to select a video content via the Internet (140) and for distributing selected video content via a multichannel video broadcasting system for the selected video content to be received on a multichannel receiver and displayed at the user's location on a TV monitor (150) or on a PC (160) provided with a TV display card, the method comprising:
 - selecting, from a plurality of selectable video contents (210,220,230) that are stored on a main video server (200), video contents that are to be displayed immediately or with a delay, in response to user commands transmitted via the Internet (140);
 - supplying by a distribution server (350) selected video contents from the main video server (200) to a multichannel video broadcasting apparatus (250;280,285), for the selected video content to be broadcast on an available channel of the broadcasting apparatus;
 - providing ~~an automated~~ a selection of at least one channel that is available to broadcast a selected video content immediately or with a delay in correspondence with a user command, thereby selecting only channel(s) that are available to broadcast at a designated starting time or times or range of times and that remain available to broadcast for the duration of the selected video content;
 - providing an indication of ~~the~~ said selected channel(s) available to broadcast the selected video content, said indication of said selected channels being available to the user via an authorization server (300) and the Internet (140); and
 - initiating the broadcast of a selected video content on an ~~the~~ indicated channel immediately or with a delay in correspondence with said user command;
 - wherein the selection of one or more channels that are available to broadcast immediately or with a delay in correspondence with a user command that sets a time or times or a range of times for broadcast, is automated by the distribution server (350) whereby:

- the distribution server (350) provides automated selection of channels available to broadcast that are further selected by the user, or
- a channel or channels for broadcast is pre-selected by the user and the distribution server (350) provides automated selection amongst the pre-selected channels of those channels that are available for broadcast.

~~— wherein the selection of a channel that is available to broadcast immediately or with a delay in correspondence with a user command is automated when only one channel is available to broadcast immediately or with a delay in correspondence with a user command, or is partly automated and assisted by a user command by automated selection of several channels available to broadcast immediately or with a delay in correspondence with a user command followed by the user selecting one among the several selected available channels.~~

9. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the video contents are selected from live broadcasts (210), recorded videos (220) and video-on-demand (230).
10. (Original) The method of claim 8 or 9, wherein the selected video contents are broadcast on a channel selected from a broad bandwidth with several hundreds of channels.
11. (Previously presented) The method of claim 8, wherein the selected video contents are broadcast on a channel of a cable TV network (250).
12. (Previously presented) The method of claim 8, wherein the selected video contents are broadcast via a ground transmission station (280) that transmits to a communications satellite (285).
13. (Cancelled)